

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 28-47 as follows:

28. An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising at least one immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region of PspC, wherein the polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 61, and SEQ ID NO: 63.

29. The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

30. The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

31. The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

32. The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 61.

33. The polypeptide of claim 28, wherein the polypeptide is an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 63.

34. An isolated or purified polypeptide comprising at least one immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region of PspC, wherein the polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, and SEQ ID NO: 67.

35. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.

36. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

37. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7.

38. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

39. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9.

40. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11.

41. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12.

42. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13.

43. The polypeptide of claim 42, wherein the amino acid sequence comprises an immunogenic epitope or immunogenic epitopic region comprising amino acids 263-442 of SEQ ID NO: 13.

44. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 65.

45. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 66.

46. The polypeptide of claim 34, wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 67.